GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>A B S T R A C T</u>

PUBLIC SERVANTS – SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Allegations of misappropriation of Government funds and forgery of hostel records – Departmental action against Smt. A. Nagalakshmi, formerly Hostel Welfare Officer (now retired), S.W. Girls Hostel No.1, Anantapur, Anantapur District – Imposing the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs.9,870/- against her under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.II.2) DEPARTMENT

<u>G.O.Rt.No. 861:</u> <u>Dated: 22.10.2011.</u>

Read the following:-

- 1. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, letter Rc.No.I2/3237/2003, dated 07.04.2003.
- 2. From the District Collector, Anantapur, Proceedings Rc.No.B1/243/2001, dated 05-12-2001.
- 3. Explanation submitted by Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, formerly Hostel Welfare Officer, S.W. Girls Hostel No.1, Anantapur, Anantapur District, dt 01.01.2002
- 4. Proceedings of the District Collector (SW Wing), Anantapur District, Rc.No.B1/243/2001, dated 19.01.2002.
- 5. From the Enquiry Officer's Report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Anantapur, Letter Rc.No.C/199/2002, dated 15-02-2003.
- 6. Govt.Memo.No.4599/SW.Ser-II(2)/2003-30, dated 12-10-2010.
- 7. From Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retd.), Anantapur District, explanation dated 28-10-2010.
- 8. From the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Hyderabad, letter No.774/RT-1/2/2011, dated 27.07.2011.

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad has informed that the Deputy Director (SW), Anantapur, the District Social Welfare Officer and Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Anantapur have inspected the Social Welfare Girls Hostel, No.1, Anantapur and noticed certain irregularities, mis-appropriation of Government funds and forgery of hostel records by Smt. A. Nagalakshmi, while working as Hostel Welfare Officer, Government Social Welfare Girls Hostel No.1, Anantapur. In the reference second read above, the District Collector, Anantapur, has framed the Articles of Charges, and issued Charge Memo to Smt. A. Nagalakshmi, formerly Hostel Welfare Officer, S.W. Girls Hostel No.1, Anantapur, Anantapur District, for certain irregularities and misappropriation of Government funds in the said hostel. In the reference third read above, the Charged Officer has submitted her Written Statement of Defence to the District Collector, Anantapur. As the explanation was not convincing, the District Collector, Anantapur vide reference fourth read above has appointed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Anantapur as an Enquiry Officer, to conduct a detailed enquiry into the charges framed against Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, formerly Hostel Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Girls Hostel No.1, Anantapur, Anantapur District.

2. In the reference fifth read above, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Anantapur and Inquiry Officer, after conducting the detailed enquiry, on the charges of unauthorized drawal and misuse of Government funds by Smt. A.Nalgalakshmi, has submitted his detailed Enquiry Report, to the District Collector, Anantapur and reported that all the charges framed against Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, are held proved. In the meanwhile, the Charged Officer retired from Government service on 31.10.2009 on attaining the age of superannuation.

- 3. The Government after careful examination of the Inquiry Officer's Report submitted by the Inquiring Authority, provisionally decided to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs.9,870/- against Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retired) as the charges framed against her are held proved. Accordingly, a show cause notice has been issued to the charges officer vide reference sixth read above. The charged officer has submitted her explanation in the reference seventh read above. The Government examined the same and decided to impose the penalty as mentioned in show cause notice. The matter was referred to A.P.P.S.C. for their concurrence.
- 4. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission in the reference 8th read above stated that the charges framed against Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retired), appears to be motivated as the initial figure of misappropriation which is very high came down drastically to Rs.9,870/- and felt that the Inquiry Officer has not taken into consideration the claim of the Charged Officer in the process of Inquiry. The Charged Officer has already suffered from the denial of promotion which resulted in monetary loss in the pensionary benefits. Finally, the Commission advise to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension for five (5) years besides recovery of Rs.9,870/- against Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retired).
- 5. The Government after careful examination of the matter and also taking into consideration of the advice of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, decided to confirm the penalty as advised by the Commission against the Charged Officer. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years besides recovery of misappropriation amount of Rs.9,870/- (Rupees Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy only) against Smt. A.Nagalakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retired), Anantapur District, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 6. The District Collector, Anantapur, is therefore, directed to take action accordingly. The connected file related to Smt. A. Nagalakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retired) received from the District Collector, Anantapur bearing Rc.No.A1/243/2001 containing pages 1 to 88 (NF.) and pages 1 to 1370 (CF.) is returned herewith. The District Collector, Anantapur District is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the record.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. RAYMOND PETER, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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Smt. A. Nagalakshmi, Hostel Welfare Officer (Retired), Anantapur District. (through the District Collector, Anantapur District)

The District Collector, Anantapur District. [file bearing Rc.No.A1/243/2001 containing pages 1 to 88 (NF.) and pages 1 to 1370 (CF.)]

Copy to:

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Director (SW), Anantapur District.

The P.S. to Hon'ble Min. (SW) for information.

The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Accountant Genaral (Pensions), O/o AG, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to APPSC, Hyderabad. w.r. to their letter No.774/RT-I/2/2011, dated 27.7.2011.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The Special Secy. to Hon'ble CM, O/o the CM's Office.

The PS to Prl. Secy. to Govt., SW Department.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//